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1. COMOFF SPOKE TO FAHD AL KAWARI, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON MORNING OF JANUARY 19 ABOUT QATARI POSITION AT PREPCOM AND LATER MEETING IN AUSTRIA. ACCORDING TO AL KAWARI, QATAR WILL NOT SEND A DELEGATION TO PREPCOM BUT WILL SEND DELEGATION TO AUSTRIA. AL KAWARI WAS UNABLE TO SUPPLY NAMES OF DELEGATION WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN.

2. AL KAWARI LISTENED WITH INTEREST TO U.S. POSITION AND IMMEDIATELY REPLIED TO SECOND PART (STRENGTHENING INFRA-STRUCTURE TO TRANSFER TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY TO LDC'S). AL KAWARI SAID THAT GOVERNMENT OF QATAR IS AWARE OF U.S. PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, PARTICULARLY TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS CORPORATE PROPERTY OR COVERED BY PATENTS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IN SOME CASES TECHNOLOGY IS SELECTIVELY TRANSFERRED AND THE ARGUMENTS OF CORPORATE ENCUMBRANCES DO NOT SEEM TO APPLY TO  
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SOME COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY TO ISRAEL AND IRAN. AL KAWARI SAID THAT QATAR HAS NOT HAD PROBLEMS IN GETTING THE TECHNOLOGY WHICH IT HAS REQUESTED BUT ONLY BECAUSE QATAR'S REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WOULD OR WOULD NOT BE GIVEN.

3. AL KAWARI SAID THAT ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES KNOW THAT MANY DECISIONS MADE BY THE U.S. CONCERNING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS ARE

REALLY POLITICAL DECISIONS RATHER THAN DECISIONS BASED ON OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION OR TECHNOLOGY. HE SEEMED AGAIN TO BE REFERRING TO APPARENT EASE WITH WHICH TECHNOLOGY IS TRANSFERRED TO SOME MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES AND APPARENT DIFFICULTIES WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES FACE. COMOFF EXPLAINED THAT IN MANY CASES THE LARGER AND MORE TECHNICALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE ARE MORE ABLE TO TAILOR THEIR REQUESTS TO WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND THEREFORE ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO BRING IN MODERN TECHNOLOGY. AL KAWARI SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS EXPLANATION AND SAID THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO FURTHER CONTACTS WITH THE EMBASSY AND WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

4. COMMENT: ALMOST ALL OF QATAR'S DEMANDS ON THE WORLD'S POOL OF TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE HAVE TO DO WITH PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM-RELATED INDUSTRIES. SPECIFIC PROBLEMS CAN BE EXPECTED IN PETROCHEMICALS AND IN TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATED WITH GAS LIQUIFICATION AND TRANSPORT. THESE PROBLEMS WILL ARISE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AS QATAR TRIES TO DEVELOP A REAL PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND AS IT MOVES INTO THE RANKS OF LNG PRODUCERS. WE CAN EXPECT FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF QATAR ON THESE POINTS AND MOST LIKELY THEY WILL INITIATE THE CONTACTS.  
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